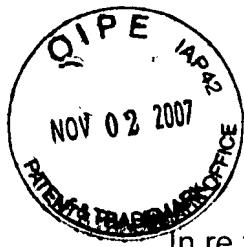


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

KAWABATA, Akio, et al.

Group Art Unit: 1793

Serial No.: 10/773,311

Examiner: James Fiorito

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FOR: METHOD FOR GROWING CARBON NANOTUBES, AND ELECTRONIC DEVICE HAVING STRUCTURE OF OHMIC CONNECTION TO CARBON ELEMENT CYLINDRICAL STRUCTURE BODY AND PRODUCTION METHOD THEREOF

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Date: November 2, 2007

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of October 4, 2007, requiring restriction among three alleged inventions under the provisions of 35 USC § 121.

In the Action, the examiner made a restriction requirement among the inventions of **Group I** drawn to an electronic device (claims 2-5); **Group II** drawn to a method (claims 6-16); and **Group III** drawn to a method (claims 17-36).

Applicants hereby provisionally elect **Group I, that is, claims 2-5**, for examination on the merits in this application. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Favorable consideration of the subject application is respectfully requested.

Serial No.: 11/339,661
OA dated October 4, 2007
Resp dated November 2, 2007

In the event this paper is not timely filed, the undersigned hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-2340, along with any other additional fees which may be required with respect to this response.

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